

# SOME BASEBALL STARS PREFER FOOTBALL TO THEIR OWN GAME

Eddie Collins and Christy Mathewson, Two of the Greatest Diamond Experts, Think Football Is Much Better Game, and Collins Was Good at It; Jim Thorpe, Great at Football, Mediocre at Baseball, Prefers Latter.

BY MONTY.

NEW YORK, April 25.—The old argument of baseball versus football has bobbed up again. Eddie Collins has come forth with a confession that he prefers the college game to the one in which he now makes a living. The great second baseman of the Chicago White Sox, whom John McGraw calls the most valuable ball player in the world, says he would rather see one good football game than a dozen remarkable baseball games.

Collins is not alone in his stand. Christy Mathewson, the greatest pitcher in the game ever known, is strong for football, too, and the same can be said of any number of other ball players of high grade, who used to play football for Bucknell college in Pennsylvania. Collins was Columbia's quarterback. Both were good ones in their day, but neither claimed with Jim Thorpe, the wonderful Indian athlete of Carlisle, that he was the best of all time. In baseball he was not good enough to stick in the big leagues, even after repeated trials and extensive bench schooling. Yet Thorpe says he prefers baseball to football.

Collins played college football only one season, in 1905. He had had extensive experience in prep school, on the Irvan school eleven at Tarrytown, N. Y., and made Columbia's team in its freshman year. Eddie is not heavy built now. He was much lighter then, a mere wonder of a lad of medium height and slender. He looked as if he could be broken in two by some of the big men his team went up against.

He Was a Winner.

Eddie made the Columbia team because he was lightning fast, game as a bulldog and a marvelous handler of the ball. He used to play back on the defensive and catch punts. Never was he known to drop one. If he got started back up the field he was a hard proposition to get hold of. In two games he made runs of more than half the length of the field for touchdowns after exciting punts.

The best remembered game of Collins was that against Yale, in which he was stamped as a hero because of the quality alone—game. The late Tom Rhevin, known as the hardest tackler down the field that ever played the game, was at one end for Yale, and the other was Jack Gates, another big, powerful fellow also near the 200 pound mark who could do 100 yards almost as fast as Rhevin. Both were close to ten-second men, with broad shoulders that they planned into your midriff like a battering ram.

Columbia was outclassed in that game, played here in New York. Rhevin and Gates were the Yale stars. The Columbia ends were unable to delay them at all. In fact, they were always fielding under kicks and they were always waiting for Collins to catch the ball. Then both would pile into him, one above the waist and one below. It seemed that they must tear him apart. But Eddie held onto the ball every time.

It Was a Real Run.

Once a punt was low and fast and he got it before they were too near. He sidestepped Rhevin's lunge, sidestepped Gates' charge and drove the field. Past this tackler and that he flew until a big guard coming across the field nailed him on the ten-yard line. He had traveled 50 yards and got the ball nearer to Yale's goal than Columbia came at any other time during the game. Eddie's pluck that day is reckoned now as almost a tradition at Columbia. Those who saw him stand the pile driving thrusts of Rhevin and Gates, saw him never wince when the ball settled in his arms and then saw him come back at them with his heroic spirit, will never forget the spectacle the young freshman presented.

Matty was the star of his Bucknell eleven. But he is not telling about it himself. It is so hard to find anybody who recalls that Bucknell team of 1909 and 1910 that Matty's gridiron feats have been left unrecorded though his

## FULTON BATTERS REICH AND WINS

New York, April 25.—Fred Fulton, of Rochester, Minn., scored a technical knockout over Al Reich, of this city, here Friday night. Fulton stopped the match after one minute of the ninth round had expired.

Fulton outboxed his opponent throughout the bout and when the referee stopped the bout, Reich was toppling helplessly. Fulton weighed 217 pounds and Reich 211 1/2.

Fulton demonstrated that he had a good left, which he used frequently. In the opening round, Fulton immediately began to jab to the face, while Reich succeeded in landing a few hard lefts. Several short right uppercuts caused Reich to wince, however. Fulton drove the local amateur the ring in the second and almost closed his left eye. Reich again broke in the third.

The fourth and fifth were repetitions of the third, but the action that Reich sent in two hard lefts to the face in the fifth.

Reich made a strong rally in the sixth but was again stopped. He came up and began to back away in the seventh. Fulton delivered much punishment in the eighth, Reich covering and clinching frequently.

## OLD JUDGE RUMHAUSER BY TAD

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## "BECK'S" AMEN CORNER

BY "BECK."

PAT MORAN, of the Phillies, said, last fall, that he didn't believe his team would repeat this season but he is going to do all he can to win another pennant. He has just purchased Claude Cooper, formerly of the Brookfords, for \$7,000 and will use him in the outfield. Cooper isn't as well known as Cobb, Speaker, and a few of that class but he is good enough to draw down around \$6,000 a year and New York papers admit that he is as good as Eddie Rousch, the new Giant sensation, and that may mean a lot.

CHICAGO White Sox paid \$15,000 for Larry Chappelle, the outfielder, a couple of seasons back. Then they traded him to the Cleveland club for Joe Jackson. And now the Indians have decided that the prize beauty hasn't the class and he's going back to the minors.

LIKE a whole lot of other youngsters who could make the weight easily, Benny Leonard is insisting that he will fight only lightweights who can do 133 pounds at 3 o'clock. But when Benny takes on a bit more weight he'll be like all the others and insist that the real lightweight limit is 135 pounds at 3 o'clock. If some of these boxing commissions were worthy of the name they'd insist on lightweight bouts being at 133 pounds, ringside.

CLAUDE HENDRIX may no longer be a youngster but he certainly pitched some real baseball for the Cubs on Friday, letting the Cardinals down with two hits.

NOTICE the batteries which started the National league game at Philadelphia on Friday. Jack Coombs and Chief Bender used to be teammates with the Athletics but now we find Jack bending them over for the Phillies. Neither veteran went the distance on Friday.

EVERYBODY'S and Puritys were bitter rivals in the Commercial league last year and when they meet, Sunday morning, for the first time this season something is going to happen. Fisher and Lawrence will work for the clerks while either March or Brennan will be on the mound for the bakers. The game starts at 10:30 and should be well worth losing that extra hour of sleep.

CHANT will be back behind the bat for the Feldmanns on Sunday with Jim Wilson on the mound and manager Howard Rix hopes to "cop" from the Seventh infantry but the soldiers have been making some changes and, as they have plenty of material, it may be their turn to drop into the win column. The game is the first of the afternoon double-bill at Rio Grande park.

## IN BOYLAND

HERE we are with more "automobile" teams. The Maxwells and the Overlands are now in the field. The Maxwells defeated the Overlands on Tuesday by a score of 5 to 6, the game being played on the Myrtle avenue grounds.

Following is the lineup of the Maxwells: Joe Lacarra, c; Sammy Capin, p; J. Lacarra, 1b; Milton Anvil, 2b; Roberts, 3b; Anthony, 4b; Barney Levinson, lf; Milton Cole, cf; Raymond Duke, rf.

Games with the Maxwells can be arranged by calling Sammy Capin, at 42773.

Bob Elmore, captain of the Oaklanders, wondered why none of the boys would practice, Friday afternoon. He found out the reason about 7:30 that night, when two large cars brought up the whole team to his house for a surprise party in honor of the victory at San Marcos last week. Everybody declared they had a fine time, especially when the refreshments were served. Those present were Bob Elmore, Hamilton, Aquila, Booth, R. Scotten, I. Scotten, Johnson, H. McKamy, W. Hamilton, Deagan, Woodyard, Cohen, Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Elmore chaperoned the boys.

The Oaklanders want games for next week. Phone 4076 and ask for Bob Elmore, or phone 6418 and ask for Mayo Hamilton.

There is a letter at this office for Albert Evans, manager of the Junior League.

ACCIDENT TO TRACK STAR LESSENS WISCONSIN'S HOPES Madison, Wis., April 25.—Wisconsin track hopes have been materially lessened, following the announcement by university physicians that Harold Huston, star pole vaulter, has a broken ankle and will be unable to compete in the conference meet. Huston broke his ankle falling from a horse.

A dollar saved by buying goods produced elsewhere is a dollar thrown at your neighbor's hide.

## MITCHELL WON'T BATTLE WHITE

Mitchell Has Blood Poisoning in Foot; Cancellation of Bout Unavoidable.

By T. S. ANDREWS.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 25.—Ritchie Mitchell Friday night called off his ten round bout with Charley White, scheduled for May 7, here.

Mitchell has blood poisoning in his left foot, and the cancellation was unavoidable. The fight will be held later.

These two lads have been talking fight for the past year but they have never been able to get together. There has always been some angle that prevented a meeting between them. First it was the weight, and then the nurse money, and then the weight again. They have finally agreed on terms and the only hitch now is in regard to the fight itself. Mitchell, of course, has taken on a little weight the past year and is now strongest at about 131 pounds.

He wants the match at 132, while White will not agree to anything but 135, although he says he will not go into the ring any heavier than Mitchell. It will be a case of the man with the wallop against the cool and scientific boxer. There will be that uncertainty about the fight that will create interest among the fans from start to finish.

Mitchell knows that White has the "kick" and will, of course, have to be prepared at all times to avoid it. White, on the other hand, knows that he has little chance of outboxing Mitchell, and that his only hope of a win is to put over one of his famous haymakers. The fans both of Chicago and Milwaukee are more interested in this match than any that has taken place since the time Ad Wolgast and Willie Kitchin met, and the Chicago contingent will be almost a repetition of that famous contest.

Britt Teaches British to Box. Jimmy Britt, the clever California lightweight and at one time claimant of the title, is at present in London. Jimmy writes that he is doing vaudeville at the various halls in the big city and has been making a big hit. During his spare time Jimmy has been instructing the convalescent soldiers in the art of boxing and lecturing on physical culture to the wounded in the hospitals.

There was a report some months ago that Jimmy had joined one of the Australian regiments and was mixed in the fighting at the Dardanelles, but that report was not correct. The California boy, it seems, made the trip from Australia to England about the same time that the Australian contingent was being sent to Egypt and Turkey, and that is how the report became circulated.

Boxing Association May Be. There are indications that the American Boxing association, which was organized at Cleveland, Ohio, about a year ago, will go to pieces unless the boxing promoters of the country, also the managers and boxers themselves decide that it is a good thing and give it the proper support. The writer was instrumental in bringing about the organization, which is certainly badly needed in this country, and it looked as if the association had been put upon a working basis. Unfortunately, the president of the association, W. J. Hix of Cleveland, was taken ill several months ago, and was unable to attend to his duties. Matters which should have been attended to, what at times was a drag along, and as a result the association received a severe setback.

Kinkaid Is Disgusted. President Kinkaid is very much disgusted with the half-hearted support given the association by the people (Continued on next page.)

## WOLGAST WINNER IN BLOODY BOUT

Denver, Colo., April 25.—Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion, won the referee's decision over Joe Flynn, of Denver, at the end of a 15-round contest here Friday night.

The former champion led all the way. The Denver fighter was game and many times bored in but it was evident that the former master of the lightweight class was too much for the younger man.

Both men were bleeding much of the time. Flynn bled from the nose and mouth continually while a blow on the nose brought blood from Wolgast in the fourth round.

Wolgast scored a knockdown in the ninth round, but Flynn quickly regained his feet. At the close he was straggled.

Flynn's blows showed little effect on Wolgast.

## 13 COLLEGE TRACK TEAMS WILL TRY TO BREAK RECORDS

New York, April 25.—Good records are expected in several events when 13 eastern colleges clash in the annual track and field meet of the Middle States Intercollegiate Athletic association at New York University, in this city, May 13.

There will be more than 300 athletes in the meet, representing N. Y. U., Dickinson, Franklin and Marshall, Gettysburg, Harvard, Lafayette, Lehigh, Lebanon Valley, Muhlenberg, Rutgers, Stevens, Swarthmore and Washington and Jefferson.

## BASEBALL RESULTS

FIDAY'S GAMES.

### League Standings.

American League.	W.	L.	Pct.	Today
Boston	9	6	.600	6-0
Detroit	7	6	.538	4-1
Cleveland	6	6	.500	3-0
Washington	6	6	.500	3-0
Pittsburgh	5	7	.417	2-1
Philadelphia	3	9	.250	2-1

National League.	W.	L.	Pct.	Today
Philadelphia	6	2	.750	7-0
St. Louis	5	4	.562	5-1
Brooklyn	4	5	.444	4-1
Cincinnati	4	5	.444	4-1
Pittsburgh	3	7	.300	3-1
New York	2	7	.222	2-1

Texas League.	W.	L.	Pct.	Today
Fort Worth	9	4	.690	6-0
San Antonio	7	5	.583	5-1
Galveston	6	7	.462	4-1
Shreveport	5	7	.417	3-1
Houston	4	7	.364	3-1
Beaumont	3	7	.300	2-1
Dallas	2	7	.222	2-1

Pacific Coast League.	W.	L.	Pct.	Today
Oakland	14	10	.583	7-0
San Francisco	12	10	.545	6-1
Los Angeles	11	11	.500	5-1
Portland	10	12	.455	4-1
Seattle	9	13	.409	3-1

Western League.	W.	L.	Pct.	Today
Wichita	4	2	.667	3-0
Omaha	4	2	.667	3-0
Denver	4	2	.667	3-0
Sioux City	4	2	.667	3-0
Topeka	4	2	.667	3-0
Lincoln	4	2	.667	3-0
Des Moines	4	2	.667	3-0
St. Joseph	4	2	.667	3-0

American Association.	W.	L.	Pct.	Today
Louisville	4	2	.667	3-0
Minneapolis	4	2	.667	3-0
Indianapolis	4	2	.667	3-0
Kansas City	4	2	.667	3-0
Toledo	4	2	.667	3-0
St. Paul	4	2	.667	3-0
Milwaukee	4	2	.667	3-0

Southern Association.	W.	L.	Pct.	Today
New Orleans	10	2	.833	7-0
Nashville	9	3	.750	6-1
Memphis	8	4	.667	5-1
Birmingham	7	5	.583	4-1
Atlanta	6	6	.500	3-1
Little Rock	5	7	.417	2-1
Chattanooga	4	8	.333	1-1

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Per quick results—Use Herald Want Ads.

### National League.

At Philadelphia.	W.	L.	Pct.	Today
Brooklyn	101	128	.440	3-1
Philadelphia	99	131	.431	2-1
Batteries: Brooklyn, Coombs, Pfeffer and Mayer; Philadelphia, Bender, Miller and Burns.				

At Chicago.	W.	L.	Pct.	Today
St. Louis	100	126	.442	3-1
Chicago	98	128	.434	2-1
Batteries: Chicago, Egan, Baker, Gitter and Snyder; St. Louis, Hendrix and Archer.				

At Pittsburgh.	W.	L.	Pct.	Today
Cincinnati	100	126	.442	3-1
Pittsburgh	98	128	.434	2-1
Batteries: Cincinnati, Schneider, Dale and Wingo; Pittsburgh, Harmon and Schmidt.				

At Dallas.	W.	L.	Pct.	Today
Fort Worth	100	126	.442	3-1
Dallas	98	128	.434	2-1
Batteries: Dallas, Adams and Tetter; Ft. Worth, Hazard and Gatta.				

At Shreveport.	W.	L.	Pct.	Today
Shreveport	100	126	.442	3-1
Waco	98	128	.434	2-1
Batteries: Shreveport, Duffy and Smith; Waco, Donald and Reilly.				

At Houston.	W.	L.	Pct.	Today
Houston	100	126	.442	3-1
San Antonio	98	128	.434	2-1
Batteries: Houston, Rose and Allen; San Antonio, Stewart and Hurch.				

At Omaha.	W.	L.	Pct.	Today
Omaha	100	126	.442	3-1
Lincoln	98	128	.434	2-1
Batteries: Lincoln, Hoffman, Powers and Baker; Omaha, Thompson and Marshall.				

At Wichita.	W.	L.	Pct.	Today
Wichita	100	126	.442	3-1
St. Joseph	98	128	.434	2-1
Batteries: Wichita, Patterson, Jackson, Thomas and Finner; St. Joseph, Flaherty and Gray.				

At St. Louis.	W.	L.	Pct.	Today
St. Louis	100	126	.442	3-1
Des Moines	98	128	.434	2-1
Batteries: Des Moines, Baker and Spahr; St. Louis, Kelly and Crosby.				

At Topeka.	W.	L.	Pct.	Today
Topeka	100	126	.442	3-1
Denver	98	128	.434	2-1
Batteries: Denver, Mauer, Howard, Reynolds and Stevens; Topeka, Gruver, Hale and Monroe.				

Games Postponed.

At Portland-Vernon, rain.

At Toledo, 3; Minneapolis, 4.

At Louisville, 3; Kansas City, 1.

At Columbus, 2; St. Paul, 0.

At Indianapolis, 4; Milwaukee, 3.

At Birmingham, 3; Atlanta, 2.

(No other scheduled.)



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